



ST.FILLAN'S P.S.

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

St Fillan's Day

Thanks to Fr Peter for celebrating our St Fillan's Day Mass with us in the school today.



Burns' Day Celebrations

As previously mentioned, we are looking forward to our annual assembly to celebrate Burns' Day. During this week and next, the children in school and in our Nursery Class will be preparing for this through learning some Burns' poetry, reading about the life and works of Robbie Burns as well as other aspects of Scottish Culture. Children can wear blue and white or tartan on this day (i.e. usual rules around Non uniform/No Football colours apart from national strips).

Wider Achievement

On Friday 31st January we will be staging our next Celebrating Success Assembly. If you would like to nominate your child for recognition of their wider achievements since our last assembly in December then please complete this [form](#) by **Wednesday 29th January at 1pm**.

Uniform Update

I have been contacted by a few parents regarding the lack of availability of brown uniform, similar to the situation that arose in the summer before our return in August. Although this rectified itself during the term, this matter will be discussed again with the Parent Council next week. We aim to find out what the issues are with brown uniform among the local and national suppliers. I would be grateful if you as parents/carers could let us know where you source brown uniform via this [link](#). Thank you!

Sacraments

If your child is in Primary 3 and is Baptised, please complete this [Form](#) about the Sacrament of Reconciliation if you have not already done so.

Makaton/ LCFE (Language and Communication Friendly Establishment)

Our pupils in the P7 Makaton Group have been very busy filming their Makaton Word/Phrase of the Week videos for the term ahead. Please keep an eye out for their work in future newsletters. The group enjoyed a visit to our Nursery Class today to share some of their learning with the children and staff. Many thanks to Ms. Fullerton for supporting the learning of Makaton in our school.



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Car Park

We ask, once again, that Parents and Carers **please do not use the school car park at any time for dropping off/collecting children. This includes for children attending Breakfast Club and After School Care.**

Parents/Carers and children **must use either the front or back gate and pedestrian areas** when accessing the school grounds. No one should walk across the car park at any time. Over the past week, we have had to approach numerous parents who are 'cutting through' to the school via the car park gate to ask that they refrain from doing so. We have had a few 'near misses' and have concerns that failure to comply with these requests has the potential to result in an accident. The safety of our pupils must be an absolute priority for everyone in our school community.

Other City Building and Council Service staff drive through the main gate from 7am – 6pm; they will be unaware that some have been incorrectly using this gate as a pedestrian walkway.

The only exemption that applies regarding this is for blue badge holders. We kindly ask that you let us know if you need to use the car park.

Health and Safety Notice

I would like to remind everyone once again about the council's policy regarding dogs on school grounds. **It is not permitted to bring dogs inside the school grounds, even if they are carried.** Also, can I kindly ask that if Parents/Carers choose to bring their dogs near to the school when collecting or dropping off their child that they are kept away from the main school gates. This can be quite disruptive especially when children are being brought to school or when they are exiting the school grounds in the afternoon. There is quite a bottleneck at the gate particularly at the end of the day and children stopping to pat or interact with a dog may result in your pet being overwhelmed and someone being injured inadvertently by a frightened dog.

Outdoor PE

Please ensure that, on outdoor PE days, children have appropriate clothing to keep them dry and warm. In addition, it is necessary to provide a change of clothes in your child's bag in the event of them getting wet due to a slip, trip, fall etc. This applies for all pupils from P1-P7. We have a very limited supply of clothes in the school and would struggle to provide changes in clothing for children.

Health and safety

Please ensure that your child do not bring electronic smart watches of any kind to school. Several children have returned after Christmas with watches that can take pictures and/or record/film/facetime. **These are not appropriate for use in school.** In addition, we are not insured for any damages that may be incurred. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Children are not permitted to use mobile phones in school or on school grounds. There are safeguarding concerns around children using mobile phones on school grounds and we actively discourage bringing phones into school. If a phone is on school grounds, it should be always switched off until the child is well clear of the school grounds. Please support us in reminding your child/ren of this policy.

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Parking in the school community

A reminder that **NO TRAFFIC IS PERMITTED TO DRIVE ALONG CROMPTON AVENUE BETWEEN 8.30AM -9.15am and 2.45-3.30pm. We have seen a steady increase in the number of cars that have parked on the footpath opposite the school.**

Please note that parking restrictions continue to operate on Crompton Avenue. I have also liaised with Mark Caldwell at Old Cathcart and Simshill Community Council about this as he has raised the issue regarding parking restrictions on Kirkwell Road, and that drivers dropping off children are not adhering to any traffic etiquette. Please be considerate on the streets around the school; do not park across our neighbours' driveways or cause traffic disruption on our streets either at the front or the back.

Communicating with the school leadership team

Please remember that we continue to use the form system to facilitate communication. If you need to get in touch or if there is something that you wish to discuss please use the link [here](#) and the matter will be addressed as soon as possible. This form should not be used to report absences as this should be reported to the school office. Our school office closes at 4pm so there is no facility to forward calls to the Leadership Team work beyond this time. However, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Gibb and myself work beyond this time, so the MS Forms system is the best way to make contact.

Have a great weekend

Best wishes,

Mr Brian Bourke
Headteacher

Calendar Update

Please find attached an updated calendar of events for the next couple of terms which I hope you find useful. We will highlight in **yellow** any new additions of events to the newsletter when we announce them to help you keep track of dates.

Friday 24th January	Burns' Day Celebrations (Children can wear blue white or tartan to school -dress down-no uniform)
Friday 31st January	Celebrating Success Assembly
Thursday 6th February	P7 Confirmation; 7pm in Christ the King Church.
Monday 17th February	February Holiday
Tuesday 18th February	February Holiday
Wednesday 19th February	February Inservice Day
Friday 28th February	Celebrating Success Assembly
Wednesday 19th March	Parents' Night #1
Thursday 20th March	Parents' Night #2
Friday 28th March	Celebrating Success Assembly
Monday 31st March	Reconciliation for P3 pupils; 7pm Christ the King Parish Church

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Friday 4th April	2.30pm Close for Easter
Tuesday 22nd April	Return to school
Saturday 26th April	10am and 12 noon Masses First Holy Communion for P4
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 16th May	Celebrating Success Assembly
Thursday 22nd May	School Inservice
Friday 23rd May	Holiday
Monday 26th May	Holiday
Tuesday 10th June	Holyrood Day 1 Visit for P7
Wednesday 11th June	Holyrood Day 2 Visit for P7
Thursday 12th June	Holyrood Day 3 Visit for P7 Holyrood Information evening for parents of P7
Friday 13th June	Celebrating Success Assembly
Thursday 19th June	2pm P7 Graduation and Leavers Mass
Friday 20th June	Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 25th June	Close 1pm for Summer

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